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HOUSTON, Tex.—President Kennedy wound up a day of "nonpolitical" campaigning in the Lone Star State Thursday night with almost a hurricane of political controversy swirling about him.

The divided Texas Democratic party continued its feuds as the President visited San Antonio and Houston in balmy springlike weather with large and mostly curious crowds turning out to see him and the First Lady.

The day got off to a bad start, politically, even before the presidential jet reached San Antonio in early afternoon.

Sen. Ralph Yarborough, riding with the President, let go with a blast at Gov. John B. Connally as the big plane sped toward Texas.

Yarborough, in effect, issued a statement in which [illegible] Connally for failing to invite him to a reception at the Governor's Mansion Friday evening. [illegible]

Yarborough Statement Criticizes Connally

"I've had many telephone calls and letters from friends because Mrs. Yarborough and I were not invited to the mansion," Yarborough said.

"I want everyone to join hands in harmony for the greatest welcome to the President and Mrs. Kennedy in the history of Texas."

[illegible] Yarborough added:

"[illegible] Connally is so terribly uneducated governmentally, how could you expect anything else?"

Subsequently, Connally and Yarborough both rode with the President on the flight from San Antonio to Houston, but it was not known whether any effort was made by the President to patch up the Texas Democratic internecine battle.

[illegible] comment on Yarborough's remarks, Connally issued the [illegible] statement Thursday night:

"[illegible] purpose of all our efforts has been to warmly welcome to Texas the president and vice-president and their ladies.

"[illegible] and they have been so received in a true Texan manner."

[illegible] Tribute to Rep. Thomas

[illegible] Thursday to pay tribute to Houston's [illegible], who was instrumental in [illegible]

[illegible] as a congressman [illegible] party—but stays above party partisan [illegible]

[illegible] has overshadowed all of the President's [illegible]

[illegible] dominant [illegible] of the state Democratic party [illegible] into the motorcades in both San Antonio and Houston, with Yarborough refusing to ride in [illegible] cars in each carrying Vice-President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson.

[illegible] wide [illegible] speculation that Kennedy might take [illegible] try to [illegible] rift in the Texas party.

[illegible] to Yarborough and Connally together on the flight [illegible] in the presence of Congressman Thomas and [illegible] of San Antonio and others. But the substance of [illegible] was not learned.

Kennedys Appear in Radiant Good Humor

The President and Mrs. Kennedy appeared in radiant good humor as they drove in motorcades through San Antonio and Houston.

There were no demonstrations, but a few "Goldwater" signs [illegible] in San Antonio. [illegible] Congressman Thomas at the [illegible] enthusiasm [illegible]

"In Texas and the nation," Kennedy said, "change has been the law of life. Growth has meant new opportunities. Progress has meant new achievements.

"And men such as Albert Thomas—men who recognized the value of growth and progress—have enabled this city and this state to ride with the tides of change instead of being swept aside."

The 65-year-old Thomas has been considering retirement, but he has said that his doctors will be the final arbiters on his decision.

Kennedy flew to Fort Worth late Thursday night and will speak there and at Dallas, at noon, before flying to Austin for a $100-plate fund-raising dinner Friday night.